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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

10th/11th October, 2020

You are invited

As incredible as it may seem, some people turn down the invitation to the eschatological banquet. This is the case, both in the parable and in our world today. This invitation seems much less interesting than a sports event, the latest movie, or some social affair. So much of our time and energy is spent either climbing the economic ladder or just trying to keep our heads above water. Even if we are interested in the banquet, we do not seem able to afford the time and energy that it might require. And so we send our regrets: I cannot come. What a shame! We seem to have forgotten that everything is tending toward the end; all of our plans, interests and distractions will cease. Only the banquet will remain. All God asks of us is that we receive the blessings that have been prepared for us. We need not work for them. In fact, we cannot work for them on our own. All we can do is enjoy them. Enjoyment of the eschatological time of fulfilment is open to all, but guaranteed to none.

One theme seems to connect all of the readings for this Sunday, our total dependence on God. God spreads the banquet table and invites the guests; God punishes those who are indifferent to or antagonistic toward the eschatological banquet; God supplies whatever we need in whatever circumstances we find ourselves. We do not have to bargain with God, or make reservations. All we have to do is accept what God has to offer.

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DYING PEACEFULLY - NO EUTHANASIA SUNDAY



We need to tread lightly and carefully in making laws about end of life. We must be careful not to cause more suffering under the illusion that we are ending it. Legislation around euthanasia or voluntary assisted dying will be considered in Queensland early next year, so this is an important issue to consider as we prepare for the state election on October 31.

To explore a Catholic perspective on end-of-life visit
<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/life/dying-peacefully/>

Love to the End

Heavenly Father,

We pray for all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

We ask that You may grant them the grace to endure their trials
and receive the reward of their faithfulness.

Show us how to care for those at the end of life with loving patience.

We pray for all doctors, nurses and care givers who answer the call to serve You in the sick and dying.

May they be strengthened to continue to use their gifts in the service of life.

We pray for our law and policy makers, may they always seek to serve the common good
and respect the dignity of all, especially the most vulnerable.

We pray for the freedom of all to act in accordance with their conscience.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Mary, Mother of all, pray for us!

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Readings: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Thessalonians 1:1-5

Matthew 22:15-21

READINGS FOR 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-10

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort.
You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.
Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

Second Reading

Philippians 14:12-14, 19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.'

When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

This weekend we welcome

St Joachim's

6:00pm Fr Clem Hodge
7:30am Monsignor John Butler
St Agnes'
9:00am Monsignor John Butler
6:00pm Fr Stephen Kumvangi

Parish Diary

Thursday, October 15th

Mass St Agnes' 9:00am

Friday, October 16th

Mass 9:00am St Joachim's
(Includes Anointing of the Sick)

Saturday, October 17th

Reconciliation 5:30pm
St Joachim's

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, October 17th

Mass 6:00pm St Joachim's

Sunday, Sunday October 18th

Mass 7:30am St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am St Agnes'

Mass 6:00pm St Agnes'

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BOOK IN



Consider the Common Good
on October 31

A staggering 20,000 people in Queensland are experiencing homelessness — this is 1 in every 200 Queenslanders (source, ABS).

This includes people who are sleeping rough, as well as people who are staying in temporary, unstable or substandard accommodation.

How can we make a difference on this issue?

How will you use your Queensland State Election vote for the benefit of the whole community?

You can find out more about the issues you might reflect on when you cast your vote at <https://bit.ly/3kd5Rj2>

Continuing on our faith journey during changed times; when our faith will sustain us through our challenges. If our doors are closed, let our hearts be open.

COUNTERS

Alison's team

WE REJOICE

With the Kefford and Wall and the Searle families as they celebrate the baptism of Harriet and Ari in the parish this weekend.

THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION

Formation and Forgiveness sessions for the First Communion Program are being held this week. Children must attend one of the following sessions to be eligible to receive first communion at the upcoming masses.

Wednesday 14 October 6pm-7.30pm

Thursday 15 October 6pm-7.30pm

Saturday 17 October 10am-11.30am

All sessions will be held at **ST JOACHIM'S** church – places are strictly limited and bookings are essential.

SUPPORT OF OUR PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

We would like to thank you for your continued support of the Parish during these difficult times. Planned Giving can be arranged through Direct Debit, Credit Card, Parish Giving App, Direct Deposit to the parish account and by Envelopes. If you would like to contribute by internet banking our details are: BSB: 064 – 786; A/c No: 3314 91100; A/c Name: Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish. The Parish Giving app has been set up specifically for parishioners to be electronically connected to their parish for regular and one off giving. Download the app at: <https://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au/auth/login>

ONE MILLION CHILDREN PRAYING THE ROSARY

Aid to the Church in Need is organizing the prayer campaign *One Million Children Praying the Rosary*. We know how powerful the prayers of children are, they fly like an arrow into the heart of God. How powerful then is the prayer of the Rosary prayed by millions all around the world! Join us on the 18th of October. Go to www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children to learn more.

BISHOP MICHAEL PUTNEY MEMORIAL LECTURE

Queensland Churches Together and the Brisbane Roman Catholic Council for Ecumenism and Inter-religious Relations invite to join them on Tuesday, October 20th commencing 7:30pm via Zoom. Guest speaker is Dr Sara Gehlin, University of Helsinki speaking on Pathways to Peace: Ecumenical Formation in a Conflict-Ridden World. Register in advance at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpc-2trD0sHdRt8STiyhSFjsCirnGpl9Fr>

NEW LIFE RETREAT ONLINE

The Latin American Catholic Community of Brisbane invites you to register for this retreat commencing 8:00pm on October 31st to Saturday, November, 7th. Guest speakers include Dcn Peter Pellicaan, Dcn Adam Walk, Sr Samuel Angleys, Dcn Ivan Ortiz and others. To register go to: <http://bit.ly/NewLifeRetreat2020> For more information phone 0434 491 161 or 0401 926 614.



"So many terrible things happen every day that we start wondering whether the few things we do ourselves make any sense. When people are starving only a few thousand miles away, when wars are raging close to our borders, when countless people in our own cities have no homes to live in, our own activities look futile. Such considerations, however, can paralyse us and depress us. Here the word call becomes important. We are not called to save the world, solve all problems, and help all people. But we each have our own unique call, in our families, in our work, in our world. We have to keep asking God to help us see clearly what our call is and to give us the strength to live out that call with trust. Then we will discover that our faithfulness to a small task is the most healing response to the illnesses of our time."

Henri Nouwen

Masses and Sacrament of Reconciliation

The following process for booking of mass attendance will continue for all masses until otherwise notified. If you turn up for mass and the allowed number has been reached you will not be permitted to enter the church.

WEEKEND MASSES - Bookings close at 4:00pm on Fridays

All you need to do is click on your preferred venue:

St Joachim's Masses - <https://www.trybooking.com/BJVCV>

St Agnes' Masses - <https://www.trybooking.com/BJVFE>

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"The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek..."

There are a lot of references to food and banquets in the texts that form today's Liturgy of the Word. From the 1st reading's reference to "rich food, a banquet of fine wines", through to the Psalm's assurance that the Lord "has prepared a banquet for me/in the sight of my foes", and the famous parable of the wedding feast, told by Jesus – we are a Church which gathers for spiritual nourishment and we are a Church called to bring practical sustenance to those in need. From these moments of 'coming together', we are fed in order to then go forth and share what we have with others. One of the ways available for us, is to support the missionary work of the Pontifical Mission Societies, of which Catholic Mission is a part. During October, we ask for your prayerful and financial contributions.

In anticipation for all the ways you will help "wipe the tears from every cheek", we give thanks.



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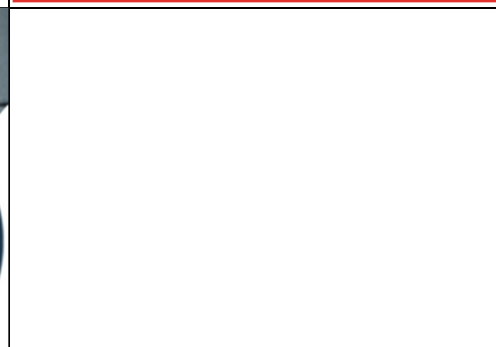
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